

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA
RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: MAY 16, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS TARKANIAN and ROSS

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, and ASSISTANT DEPUTY CITY CLERK VICKY DARLING

- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza (next door to Metro Records)

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-1 - ABEYANCE ITEM - Updates the zoning regulations that govern off-premise signs, and makes minor revisions regarding the placement of certain on-premise signs. Sponsored by: Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian

Fiscal Impact:

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill updates the zoning regulations that govern off-premise signs and makes minor revisions regarding the placement of certain on-premise signs. The bill is intended to better address sign clutter and to facilitate consistent enforcement and interpretation of the sign regulations. Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, the bill also expands the corridors along which new off-premise signs are to be excluded.

RECOMMENDATION:

The 5/2/2006 Recommending Committee held this bill in abeyance to the 5/16/2006 Recommending Committee meeting.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2006-1

MOTION:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN recommended Bill 2006-1 be stricken by the Recommending Committee and by the Full Council at the Council meeting of 5/17/2006. COUNCILMAN ROSS concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN announced that, despite considerable effort on the part of everyone, too many issues remained unsettled. The industry suggested that rather than addressing the situation in its totality, it be addressed point by point. Some of the key points where there is no consensus including prohibiting any new billboards, sign enhancements and other differences within the industry and between the industry and City staff. As the sponsor of the bill, she felt the suggestion valid and supported striking the item.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, felt the Councilwoman's position to be valid, but encouraged the Committee and Council to remember that the City's duty is to its citizens and not an industry. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN agreed that citizens' input is important.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN, COUNCILMAN ROSS and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

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MINUTES - Continued:

VAL STEED discussed the appropriate vehicle for removing the bill from this agenda as well as the Council agenda.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY**DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC**☐ **CONSENT**☒ **DISCUSSION****SUBJECT:**

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-24 - Allows limited check cashing services as a conditional use in certain commercial and industrial districts. Sponsored by: Councilman Gary Reese

Fiscal Impact:☒**No Impact****Amount:**☐**Budget Funds Available****Dept./Division:**☐**Augmentation Required****Funding Source:****PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

Businesses that provide check cashing services generally must qualify as "specified financial institutions" for zoning purposes, which triggers relatively strict requirements as to location and approval. This bill will allow this service to be provided as a conditional use in various commercial and industrial districts, and in certain master-planned developments, if incidental to another permitted use.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2006-24

MOTION:

COUNCILMAN ROSS recommended Bill 2006-24 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "DO PASS" recommendation. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

MARGO WHEELER, Director of Planning and Development Department, outlined that the bill would allow check cashing for a fee as an accessory use to another primary use such as a grocery store. The use would be granted without a public hearing. COUNCILMAN ROSS confirmed with MS. WHEELER that the use would not include post-dated checks, which would infer a loan arrangement. The checks cashed would generally be paychecks.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, questioned the safeguards to be in place to protect against identity theft and fraud. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED explained that this is only the zoning aspect for the use, the regulation of the check cashing business is governed by the State. MR. McGOWAN responded that regardless of that, the impact will be felt by City constituents and must be considered by City government. However, he did not oppose approval of the bill.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

☐ **CONSENT**

☒ **DISCUSSION**

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2006-25 - Adopts an Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan, which includes additional property within the Plan. Sponsored by: Mayor Oscar B. Goodman

Fiscal Impact:

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No Impact

Amount:

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Budget Funds Available

Dept./Division:

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Augmentation Required

Funding Source:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will revise, update and restate the Redevelopment Plan. The new Plan will include additional areas, as recommended by staff and the Planning Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2006-25 and Overview Map

MOTION:

COUNCILMAN ROSS recommended Bill 2006-25 be forwarded as a First Amendment to the Full Council with a "DO PASS" recommendation. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

SCOTT ADAMS, Director of the Office of Business Development, described the efforts and hearings involved in creating the amended and restated Redevelopment Plan which includes expansion of the Redevelopment Area. The City removed all parcels from the expanded Plan when requested to do so by the property owner. The County Assessor is creating the revised map to reflect the deletions, which may not be completed by the time the Council is asked to adopt the bill.

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, pointed out that the complex, comprehensive and incisive Plan is a City plan, should be addressed holistically and expressed concern with allowing property owners to request exclusion. There was discussion with MR. ADAMS as to the areas of inclusion and exclusion. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN noted that there would be further opportunity for discussion at the Council meeting and suggested that the Council presentation include a clear report as to properties included and excluded at that time. STEVE VAN GORP, Office of Business Development, assured the Committee the Council presentation would include the requested information.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

MINUTES:

TOM McGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, commended the Committee members on their integrity and commented on the importance of integrity in government, especially on a local level. Rules makes people better and allow society to survive. He also discussed his wish for a recovery by COUNCILMAN ROSS' daughter from her injuries. COUNCILMAN ROSS expressed his appreciation for MR. McGOWAN'S statements and wishes.

(4:22 - 4:26)

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Vicky Darling, Assistant Deputy City Clerk
May 17, 2006